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steps, the <u>composition of the</u> electrolytic solution <u>used in each anodizing step</u> is the same.

6. (Amended) A method as defined in Claim 3, wherein in the anodizing steps, the composition of the electrolytic solution used in the anodizing steps varies.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Applicant's election of the Group I invention defined in Claims 1-16 was assumed to be with traverse. Applicant confirms in writing that his election of the Group I invention was with traverse.

In the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to for containing a number of specifically enumerated informalities and appropriate correction was required.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Specification is respectfully requested. With this Amendment, the Specification has been corrected in each location identified by the Examiner to overcome the informalities.

In the Office Action, Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite because it was unclear as to what the words "same" and "varies" refer to.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 5 and 6 is respectfully requested. With this Amendment, Claims 5 and 6 have each been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the new and improved methods in accordance with different embodiments of Applicant's invention. These claims have now been amended to make it clear that it is the chemical composition of the electrolyte solution